

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 365

By Thompson

A RESOLUTION to honor Leonard's Pit Barbeque of Memphis
and its longtime owner, Dan Brown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those outstanding restaurants that have earned the loyalty and accolades of Tennesseans through their mouth-watering cuisine; and

WHEREAS, Memphis is, without a doubt, home to some of the best barbeque restaurants in the world, and Leonard's Pit Barbeque of that fair city is certainly one of them; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1922 by Leonard Heuberger in South Memphis, Leonard's has served tens of millions of barbeque sandwiches to hungry, but ultimately satisfied, customers during the past ninety-nine years and is now the oldest active barbeque restaurant in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Dan Brown began working at Leonard's Pit Barbeque in 1962 as a high school student, and excluding his tenure in the United States Army, he has never worked anywhere except Leonard's; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Dan Brown purchased the restaurant, and he has continued Leonard's legacy of great food quality and responsive customer service for the past twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Brown has decided to sell the restaurant and retire at the age of seventy-five after more than fifty years as an employee or owner of Leonard's Pit Barbeque; and

WHEREAS, although we will greatly miss Mr. Brown's daily presence, we look forward to the new ownership of Leonard's continuing its longstanding commitment to great food and great service as they usher the restaurant into its second century of operation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Dan Brown for providing delicious barbeque to the people as the longtime proprietor of Leonard's Pit Barbeque and contributing significantly to the food culture of Memphis and West Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.